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### Reply Brief of 7 May 1999

1. Receipt of Applicant's submission entitled "Reply Brief" dated 7 May 1999 is acknowledged.
2. The paper entitled "Reply Brief" is composed of two segments:
  - a. Reply Brief: Pages 1-5 which respond to points in the Examiner's Answer
  - b. Proposed Amendment: Pages 6-9 (Appendix X)
3. MPEP 1208.03 states :

A paper that contains an amendment (or evidence) is not a reply brief within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.193(b). Such a paper will not be entitled to entry simply because it is characterized as a reply brief.

Therefore, Applicant is not entitled to have this submission entered.
4. However, the Examiner notes that as the Applicant is proceeding *pro se*, some latitude is in order in meeting formal requirements.
5. Therefore, the portion of the submission which has been designated "Reply Brief" has been entered. The "Proposed Amendment" (Appendix X) will not be entered.
6. Note further, that any arguments presented in the Reply Brief which rely on the proposed amendment of Appendix X are moot.

#### *Information Regarding Communication with the PTO*

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pinchus M. Laufer whose telephone number is (703) 306-4160. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

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